

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP03/02328 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claims 1-6 and 10-11 have been amended to replace phrases containing the word “characterized” with “comprising” or “wherein,” as appropriate, to better conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “means for releasing” and to delete the word “specifically” to better conform with U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; and page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 1. See *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l) (8th ed. Rev. 2, May 2004, pp. 600-73 and 600-81 to 600-82). These amendments do not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 2 has been amended to recite “HMG-CoA reductase” to correct an obvious spelling error. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; and page 14, line 24 - page 15, line 14; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 2. See *Id.* This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claims 3-11 and 13-16 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

Claims 7-9 and 12-14 have been amended to replace “where” with “wherein” to better conform to U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite a Markush group to better conform to U.S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 13 has been amended to remove the “such as” language to better conform to U.S. practice. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 8, lines 14-22; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 13. See *Id*. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite “wherein the water-soluble film comprises ...” and to replace “where appropriate” with “and optionally” to better conform to U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 8, lines 24-31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 14. See *Id*. These amendments do not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to remove “preferably” language to better conform to U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 5; and page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claims 15 and 16, respectively. See *Id*. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 17 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 3. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 12, lines 1-9; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 3. See *Id.*

Claim 18 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 4. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 12, lines 13-23; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 4. See *Id.*

Claim 19 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 5. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 12, lines 13-32; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 5. See *Id.*

Claim 20 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 6. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 12, lines 32-39; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 6. See *Id.*

Claim 21 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 7. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 13, lines 1-8; in Examples 1-6 and 9-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 7. See *Id.*

Claim 22 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 8. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 13, lines 19-23; and in original claim 8. See *Id.*

Claim 23 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 9. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 13, lines 14-17; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 9. See *Id.*

Claim 24 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 10. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 14, line 33 - page 15, line 14; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 10. See *Id.*

Claim 25 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 11. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and

page 15, line 23 - page 16, line 3; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 11. See *Id.*

Claim 26 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 12. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 15, line 23 - page 16, line 3; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 12. See *Id.*

Claim 27 has been added to present subject matter previously recited as preferable in claim 13. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; and page 8, lines 14-22; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 13. See *Id.*

Claim 28 has been added to present subject matter previously recited as preferable in claim 15. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 5; and page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 15. See *Id.*

Claim 29 has been added to present subject matter previously recited as preferable in claim 16. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 5; and page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claim 16. See *Id.*

Claims 30 and 32 have been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple depend form in claim 15. Support for these claims is found in the

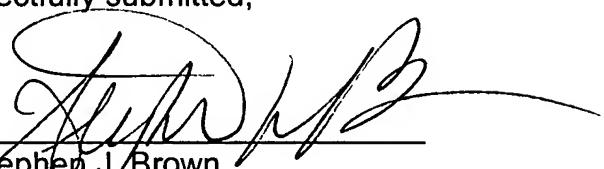
specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 5; and page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claims 2 and 15. See *Id*.

Claims 31 and 33 have been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple depend form in claim 16. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, line 39 - page 4, line 11; page 4, line 37 - page 6, line 10; page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 5; and page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 31; in Examples 1-11 and the Test Example; and in original claims 2 and 16. See *Id*.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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